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CENTRAL ADP SERVICES

ACTION COMPONENT(S):

OCS

USER COMPONENT(S):

CIA

OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this project is to provide the full range of ADP services normally associated with a centralized computer organization. Activities under this project include ADP system design, programming, and feasibility studies; installation, maintenance, and operation of general purpose computers and related peripheral equipment; computer input transcription services; and computer programs directly related to efficient utilization of the equipment (commonly referred to as software).

DESCRIPTION:

The Agency operates a large, centralized Computer Center whose mission is to provide ADP services across a wide spectrum of applications that are not otherwise covered through missionoriented computer organizations. The Computer Center provides services in the areas of scientific computation (in support of intelligence analysts, collection system designers, and operations research specialists), intelligence data processing, and administrative and management support (finance, personnel, logistics, security, and PPB). Computing equipment used in support of these areas includes three large-scale, three medium-scale, and three small-scale computers. With two exceptions, these are third generation systems (IBM System/360 and RCA Spectra 70). Peripheral equipment includes the standard range of unit-record equipment, a single-font optical character reader, a large flatbed plotter, and a sophisticated analog-to-digital converter. In addition to system analysts and programmers in the three application areas, a staff of systems programmers is available to develop and maintain software programs which include operating systems, compilers and assemblers, utility programs, and problem oriented languages. This staff also has a responsibility for the development of OCS standard operating practices,

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techniques, and programming conventions. The Computer Center services over 200 users, including not only OCS programmers, but also analysts in other components performing programming functions and their supporting contractors.

CHRONOLOGY:

Initiated: Prior to FY-64

Operational: FY-64

Operational Evaluation: Various

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